

Dear Sirs,

I am taking a little time out of my busy workday to express my concerns about the elimination of the local weather and traffic reports on my XM satellite radio. I am convinced that the local weather and traffic reports are a great benefit to the satellite radio listener and to the local community as a whole.

The instant weather reports improve driving safety and reduce congestion. A driver can obtain weather reports on demand and make an informed decision about driving or taking a particular route. I live in the City of Pittsburgh and road closures during snowstorms are a major obstacle. This past winter, I spent over five hours trying to commute home after a severe snowstorm, where my normal commute time is about twenty minutes. The local radio channels did not have complete or timely road closure information. Almost every major highway and bridge was closed and I found out only which ones through trial and error.

Before my commute home, I listen to the detailed traffic report on my XM satellite radio. The report gives estimated commute times between landmarks, which are extremely handy. I can decide to take an alternate route, which in turn reduces congestion on the major traffic arteries. And I take advantage of these reports when I am working in another town by renting a car with an XM Radio.

Please do not remove the local traffic and weather reports from my XM satellite radio.

Thank you.

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